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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN RESPONSE

To the resolution of the Senate of December 5, 1889, in regard to the right of way through the Puyallup Indian Reservation.

DECEMBER 18, 1889.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 16, 1889.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following resolution, dated 5th instant:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to communicate to the Senate copies of all correspondence in the Department in reference to the right of way through the Puyallup Indian Reservation, authorized by chapter 718 of the acts of 1888, and also what is the present status of proceedings under said act.

In response thereto you are respectfully advised that all the papers in this case, which were placed in the hands of U. S. Indian Inspector Cisney, November 11, 1889, with instructions to present the matter to the Indians, have been recalled by Department telegram, of which the following is a copy:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
December 5, 1889.

INSPECTOR CISNEY,
Tacoma, Wash.

Do not present Puyallup Valley Railway Company right of way matter through Puyallup Valley Indian Reservation to Indians, as directed by Department instructions of 11th ultimo.

Return all papers to this office. Acknowledge receipt.

GEO. CHANDLER,
Acting Secretary.

To this telegram Inspector Cisney, on the 9th instant, replied as follows:

Your dispatch of fifth just received on my return from Quinalt. Council held on second. Report and all papers gone forward to-day. Thirty-five votes in favor, seventy-four against the road.

This telegram shows that the Indians have, by a vote of 74 to 35, refused to accept the terms of the act of July 26, 1888 (25 Stats., 350), and this disposes of the question so far as this Department is concerned.

All papers relating to this business, when received from Inspector Cisney, will be copied and transmitted to the Senate, unless the same be deemed unnecessary in view of the above statement, and the Department so notified.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.